



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

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| Agency name | Virginia Racing Commission |
| Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation | 11VAC 10-180-10, 11VAC10-180-35, 11VAC10-180-70, 11VAC10-180-80, and 11VAC10-180-110 |
| Regulation title | Medication |
| Action title | To Amend Regulations Pertaining to the Medication of Racehorses |
| Final agency action date | 3/25/09 |
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

Chapter 180 is being amended primarily to clarify and simplify the existing regulations on medication. The only substantive change is that the threshold amount for the drug Phenylbutazone, commonly referred to as simply "bute" is being lowered in an effort to reduce injuries to the horses and also to make Virginia's regulations more consistent with those of surrounding jurisdictions.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On March 25, 2009, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted these amendments to Chapter 180 (Medication) as final at its regular monthly meeting.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

These amendments will not have any impact on the family or family stability.